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The Communication dated August 27, 1999

In the communication dated August 27, 1999, the Examiner requires an election of one of the following two species groups:

(species) Group I encompassing isolated host cells comprising nucleic acid, or

(species) Group II, encompassing host cells comprising the nucleic acid wherein the cells are part of an animal.

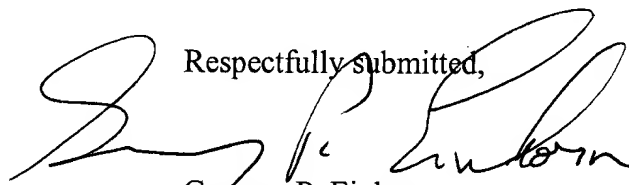
Species Group Election

Applicants elect species Group I encompassing isolated host cells comprising nucleic acid.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this response. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200; or Ted Apple, Registration No. 36,429, at (650) 324-6370.

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